

WASHINGTON-Congressman Spencer Bachus today asked Governor Bob Riley to request federal disaster assistance. Severe storms tornadoes, and floods damaged many homes in businesses in Jefferson, Shelby, and St. Clair Counties. "This declaration would allow state disaster officials to assess damage and issue any aid needed", Congressman Bachus said.

Metro Birmingham was hit yesterday with torrential rain, high winds, and also tornadoes, and today by flooding. "Governor Riley's assistance in helping accelerate a major disaster declaration for those who have suffered will be most appreciated", Congressman Bachus said. "You can be sure that once this designation has been obtained, I stand ready to offer whatever assistance my office can to make sure our citizens receive the assistance they need."